



Howard County

Internal Memorandum

Subject: Council Bill No. ⁷⁸—2007- Establishing an Environmental Sustainability Board

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Chief Administrative Officer

From: Joshua Feldmark,
Executive Director of the Commission on the Environment & Sustainability

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Council Bill No. ~~78~~-2007 proposes to create a permanent advisory board to focus on environmental sustainability. This is one of governance recommendations coming from the Commission on the Environment & Sustainability's final report. The terms, procedures, and responsibilities have all been drafted to mirror similar County advisory boards. We are proposing the Board have 13 members serving 5 year staggered terms. As per the Commission's recommendations the membership will have someone who is trained or has a special interest in:

- Air & Water Quality
- Open Space & Land Preservation
- Energy Use
- Green Building
- Environmental Education
- Environmental Governance
- Transit

There will also be one student representative and the rest will represent the general public. Also, the Board will be required to have at least one individual from each of the Councilmanic districts. These individuals are not meant to be representatives of the district but rather this provision is to help assure geographic diversity. There is no fiscal impact of this legislation.

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